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| **Artist Respond Grant Program** The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) received 258 submissions to the Artist Respond program and was able to award seventy-three (73) grants for a total budget of $88,000. We received a number of strong applications, however, the field’s response far exceeded available funding making the grant process highly competitive. We would like to thank all the artists who took the time to share their amazing ideas with us! Join us in congratulating the following Artist Respond Grant Recipients: Kaitrin Acuna, Meriden Faustin Adeniran, New Haven Debra Aldo, Sterling Laura Angiolillo, Glastonbury Noah Baerman, Middletown Cheryl Bartley, Winsted Stephen Bisaccia, Derby Kevin Bishop, Norwich Christine Breslin, West Hartford Darcy Bruce, Quaker Hill Alicia Cobb, Bridgeport Felicia Cooper, Stafford Springs Theodore Coulombe, Sharon Brandon Couloute, Bristol Jeanne Criscola, North Haven Marek Czarnecki, Meriden Carol Dannhauser, Fairfield Leslie Elias, West Cornwall Melanie Faranello, West Hartford Amy Forbes, Chester Lindsey Fyfe, Hartford Derek Graham, Orange Ashley Hamel, New Haven Lara Herscovitch, Durham Karen Hogg, East Haven Barbara Hopkins, Vernon Susan Jackson, Redding Leslie Johnson, Coventry Hyun "Hannah" Jung, Warren Sarah Kaufold, Mansfield Center Shannon Kiley, New Haven Heidi Kirchofer, Harwinton Jeffrey Krieger, East Hartford ShawnaLee Kwashnak, Middlebury Nicki LaPorte, Bristol Thomas Lee, Bloomfield Martha Lewis, New Haven Hunter Liguore, Bristol Tondrea Mabins, Stratford Iyaba Mandingo, Bridgeport Nadia Martinez, Greenwich Susan "Sooo-z" Mastropietro, Westport Susan McCaslin, New Haven Luciana Quagliato McClure, Hamden Elizabeth McNally, New Britain Kathrine McNickle, Groton Joel Melendez, Harwinton Dawn Metcalf, Suffield Christine Mitchell, Goshen Lara Morton, Madison Frank Natter, Jr., Deep River Jill Nichols, Shelton Kathryn Nolan, Milford Emma Palzere-Rae, Groton Bill Pere, Mystic Adelka Polak, Bethel Weverson Ponte, Norwalk Ben Quesnel, Stamfordl Charlie Rich, New Haven Valerie Rogotzke, New Haven Daniel Salazar, Jr., Hartford Vincent Scarano, New London Harold Shapiro, Guilford Nellie Shevelkina, New Haven Mary Ruth Shields, Portland Elizabeth Simmons, Hartford Rene Soto, Norwalk Rashmi Talpade, Wallingford Jesse Terry, Pawcatuck Marcella Trowbridge, Middletown Laura Walls, Glastonbury Debra Walsh, West Hartford Yves Wilson, Bridgeport The Respond program was supported with a combination from the [National Endowment for the Arts](https://www.arts.gov/) [​](https://www.arts.gov/) (NEA) and state COA funding.   |

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| **Artist Relief Grant Program** The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) received 461 submissions to the Artist Relief program and was able to award 140 grants for a total budget of $70,000. The awarded grants were determined through a random selection process. Recipients have been notified via email. COA would like to acknowledge the support we received from the [New England Foundation for the Arts](https://www.nefa.org/) (NEFA) who contributed $47,000 to Connecticut for direct relief support for artists. We were able to allocate an additional $23,000 state dollars to further support Relief submission to expand our support of Connecticut artists cross the state.  |

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